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Amendments To The Specification

Please substitute the following amended paragraph for the original paragraph beginning on page 4, line 9.

A job assurance logic (JAL) unit 28 disposed in the computer 10 is coupled to, and communicates with a software extension of the print driver 16, referred to as a missile 29, and further communicates with a ping device 30 disposed in the printer 18, via the print driver 16. The missile extension 29 of the print driver 16 and a printer having a ping device 30 disposed therein are both commercially available from Hewlett Packard ® and are used to enable direct communication between the printer and the computer 10. The missile extension 29 is implemented using software code and the ping device 30 is implemented in the printer 18 using firmware. The reader is directed to U.S. Patent No. 6,559,965, issued May 6, 2003 Application Serial No. _____ (Attorney Docket no. 10990543-4), incorporated in its entirety by reference herein, which describes a print job language that the ping 30 and missile 29 devices may use to communicate. More particularly, conventional computers and printers are typically designed for uni-directional communication wherein the computer is capable of transmitting communications to the printer, but the printer, a passive device, does not transmit information to the computer and is not even informed as to the address of the computer. The print job language described in the above-referenced patent application enables two-way communication between a printer and a computer by providing the address of the computer to the printer so that the printer may transmit information back to the computer, if desired. Specifically, the missile extension 29 generates a print job language command, known as a socketping command, that includes a set of fields including a field containing the address of the computer 10 to enable bi-directional communication and may further include any number of extension fields designated to provide additional instructions to the printer 18. To enable operation with the job assurance logic unit 28 described herein, the socketping command will include an extension field designated to contain, and containing an instruction to transmit the requested information, i.e., the printer resource information.